

[Letter from Harold Spivacke to John A. Lomax; General Delivery Houston, TX]

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Mr. John A. Lomax General Delivery Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Lomax:

Thank you for your letters and please thank Mrs. Lomax also for her concise report of your activities. I am sorry that you had trouble with the machine. We sent it to be over-hauled and it was returned apparently in good condition, of course I did not have any time to test it myself. It is also possible that the tubes were broken in shipment. At any rate, I am glad that it is working again and that you are making good records.

I cannot understand why Presto did not send you the sapphire needles which were included in the original order. We wired them and asked them to send it air mail.

I think that I worked out a satisfactory formula with the Gamut Recording Company. The important thing is for you to make definite arrangements with the singers whose works are to be used commercially. I shall take it up with the Librarian immediately and expect to obtain his approval.

Sincerely,

Harold Spivacke Chief, Division of Music